GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3010
ANSWERED ON:22.12.2003
SHIP BREAKING ACTIVITIES
SURESH RAMRAO JADHAV (PATIL)

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that another ship breaking yard is fast coming up at Azhikkal on Kannur beach in Kerala;

(b) if so, whether environmental clearance has been given to this yard;

(c) the quantum of fish and other marine stock likely to be killed due to hazardous material of this yard; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to stop ship breaking activities at this yard immediately?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE)

(a) As per the information received from the Government of Kerala, a ship breaking unit of Steel Industries Kerala Limited, Government of Kerala is operating at Azhikkal, Kannur since, 1984.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The Government has not received any report regarding the environmental damage caused by the ship breaking unit.

(d) Government of Kerala has been advised to seek environmental clearance under Coastal Regulation Zone Notification, 1991 to operate the ship breaking units.